

**REMARKS**

This amendment is responsive to the non-Final Office Action of September 19, 2008. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims 2, 4-18, and 20-21 are requested.

**The Office Action**

Claims 1, 2, and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Dean (US 6,414,489) in view of Alphand (FR 2,833,278).

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Dean in view of Ham (US 6,628,117).

Claims 5-18 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

**The Present Amendment Places the Application  
In Condition For Allowance**

Claim 5 has been placed in independent form including all of the subject matter of its parent claim 1, and, in the alternative, the subject matter of any one of dependent claims 8, 12, 13, 17, and 18. Because claims 5, 8, 12, 13, 17, and 18 were all indicated as containing allowable subject matter, it is submitted that claim 5 and claim 2 dependent therefrom distinguish patentably and unobviously over the references of record.

Claim 6 has been placed in independent form including the subject matter of claim 7, in the alternative. Because claims 6 and 7 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter, it is submitted that claim 6 and claims 4, 8, 12, 13, 17, 18, and 20 dependent therefrom are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 9, which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter, has been placed in independent form. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 9 and claims 7, 10, 11, and 21 dependent therefrom distinguish patentably and unobviously over the references of record.

Claim 14, which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter, has been placed in independent form. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 14 and claims 15-16 dependent therefrom distinguish patentably and unobviously over the references of record.

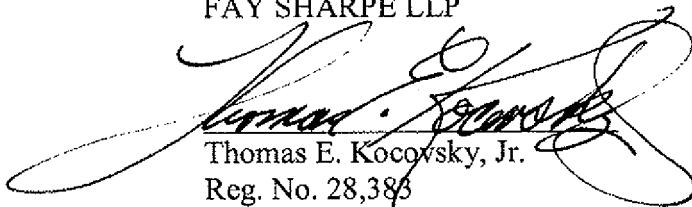
**CONCLUSION**

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that claims 2, 4-18, and 20-21 distinguish patentably over the references of record. An early allowance of all claims is requested.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone Thomas Kocovsky at (216) 363-9000.

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